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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hattori et al.

Application No. 09/765,865

Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: Loeb, Bronwen

Filed: January 18, 2001

For: PLASMID, A TRANSFORMANT  
BEARING THE PLASMID, AND  
METHOD OF PRODUCING AN  
ENZYME USING THE  
TRANSFORMANT

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
Box AF  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Replace the indicated claims with:

C1  
1. (Twice Amended) A plasmid comprising a DNA fragment containing a gene coding for an enzyme taking pyrroloquinoline-quinone (PQQ) as the prosthetic group, wherein the plasmid is a broad-host-range vector defective for conjugative transfer function, and the plasmid is expressible in bacteria of the genus *Pseudomonas*.